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1. CHAPTER 162 OF NORWAY'S CRIMINAL CODE (ACT CONCERNING DRUGS AND POISONOUS SUBSTANCES) DEFINES POSSESSION OF AND TRAFFICKING IN MARIHUANA AS ILLEGAL, WITH OFFENDERS SUBJECT TO SAME CRIMINAL SANCTIONS AS IN CASES INVOLVING HARDER, MORE DANGEROUS DRUGS. PUNISHMENT FOR MARIHUANA AND ALL DRUG OFFENSES UNDER CHAPTER 162 CAN BE MAXIMUM 10 YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR TRAFFICKING OR POSSESSION, OR 15 YEARS MAXIMUM FOR CONVICTION OF BOTH OFFENSES. IN
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PRACTICE, DRUG SENTENCES TEND TO BE LIGHT. HEAVIEST SENTENCE TO DATE IS 9 YEARS FOR TWO CHINESE CONVICTED OF SMUGGLING HEROIN INTO NORWAY IN DECEMBER 1976.

2. PUBLIC ATTITUDE IN NORWAY FAVORS LENIENCY BEFORE THE LAW FOR ALL DRUG USERS AND TREATMENT OF ADDICTS/USERS INSTEAD OF PROSECUTION. POLICE, UNDER CHAPTER 162, HAVE DISCRETION TO

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HANDLE DRUG OFFENSES AS CIVIL MISDEMEANORS, AND THIS GENERAL
PRACTICE AT THIS TIME. OFFENDERS CHARGED WITH CIVIL MIS-
DEMEANORS RECEIVE A WARNING OR A SMALL FINE. THIS POLICE
PRACTICE HAS BEEN SANCTIONED BY THE NORWEGIAN ATTORNEY GENERAL.

3. NORWEGIAN AUTHORITIES ADVISE US THAT NO CHANGE IN THE LAW
REGARDING MARIHUANA IS CONTEMPLATED, AND THAT CURRENT
PRACTICE OF CHARGING MARIHUANA OFFENDERS WITH CIVIL MISDEMEANOR
AT DESCRETION OF POLICE WILL BE CONTINUED.
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